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E. O. 11652: N/ A
TAGS : EAID GV US
SUBJECT : URGENT GUINEAN APPEAL FOR RICE

1. GUINEAN MINISTER OF THE DOMAIN OF EXCHANGES CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE JUST NOW AT SPECIAL REQUEST OF PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE TO MAKE URGENT AND EARNEST APPEAL TO UNITED STATES FOR 10,000 TONS OF RICE UNDER PL-480 PROGRAM. MINISTER SAID HE FULLY AWARE OF SHORT SUPPLY IN THE US, OF NUMEROUS DEMANDS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ON USG AND THAT TWO PREVIOUS GUINEAN REQUESTS FOR RICE THIS YEAR HAD BEEN DECLINED. HE URGED HOWEVER THAT MATTER BE RECONSIDERED IN VIEW OF URGENT NEED IN GUINEA. HE EXPLAINED THAT PROBLEM ARISES BECAUSE OF UNUSUALLY SERIOUS SHORTFALLS IN PRODUCTION THIS YEAD IN INTERIOR OF THE COUNTRY DOE TO DROUGHT SITUATION.

2. I TOLD THE MINISTER I HAD HEARD THAT CHINESE WERE PLANNING TO MEET GUINEA' S NEEDS IN RICE THIS YEAR SINCE USG HAD EARLIER REGRETTED INABILITY TO ASSIST. MINISTER ADMITTED CHINESE WERE PROVIDING SOME RICE BUT SAID IT WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TO MEET THE URGENT NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY AND THAT
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ADDITIONAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM US IS VERY BADLY NEEDED.

3. COMMENT: IT HAS BEEN UNUSUALLY DRY IN INTERIOR THIS YEAR AND THERE IS IN FACT CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF RICE WHICH IS ONE OF MAIN STAPLES IN DIET. EVEN IF WE UNABLE TO PROVIDE 10,000 TONS AS REQUESTED, I AM SURE THAT ANY AMOUNT WHICH CAN BE SUPPLIED WOULD BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.

4. PLEASE ADVISE OF REPLY I SHOULD MAKE TO MINISTER.
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